

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

James A. Proctor, Jr.

**Application No.:** 09/772,176

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**For:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
DETECTING RAPID CHANGES IN  
SIGNALING PATH ENVIRONMENT

**Group:** 2611

**Examiner:** Kevin Michael Burd

**Our File:** TAN-2-1508.01.US

**Date:** March 20, 2008

**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to Final Office Action dated November 20, 2007 [Paper No. 20071118] and is submitted in conjunction with an appropriate petition for extension of time. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: